Capacity utilisation of Duplo Digital Duplicator

1926. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZAM: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Duplo Digital Duplicator DP-4030 (4 Nos.) worth Rs. 19 lakhs are obsolete and Government Press, Ring Road, furnished the capacity utilisation of only one machine which is around 7.61 per cent;

(b) the reason why the data in respect of remaining three machines were not furnished to the CAG investigating team; and

(c) the reasons why his Ministry is keeping mum on this huge loss to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Four Duplo Digital Duplicators DP-4030 machines were purchased in the year 1996. The technology of these machines is not obsolete. The Govt. Press, Ring Road, did not furnish any "Capacity Utilisation" to the Special Investigation Team of Audit. The capacity utilisation of 7.61% has been assessed by the Special Investigation team of the Audit themselves.

(b) In Govt. of India Presses, Annual Assessed Capacity is fixed and capacity utilisation monitored only in respect of main printing machines and not for auxiliary machines. Duplo Digital Duplicator machines are auxiliary machines used for printing of urgent and short run jobs of Parliament and Gazette Notifications etc. Since "Capacity Utilisation" for such auxiliary machines is not monitored, data about the same could not be provided to the Audit.

(c) Two out of four Duplo Digital Duplicator machines have already given more than 60 lakhs impressions. These have already outlived their normal life span and have been used to the maximum extent possible in terms of number of impressions also. The remaining two machines are in working condition and are being used. There is, therefore, no question of any loss to the Govt.